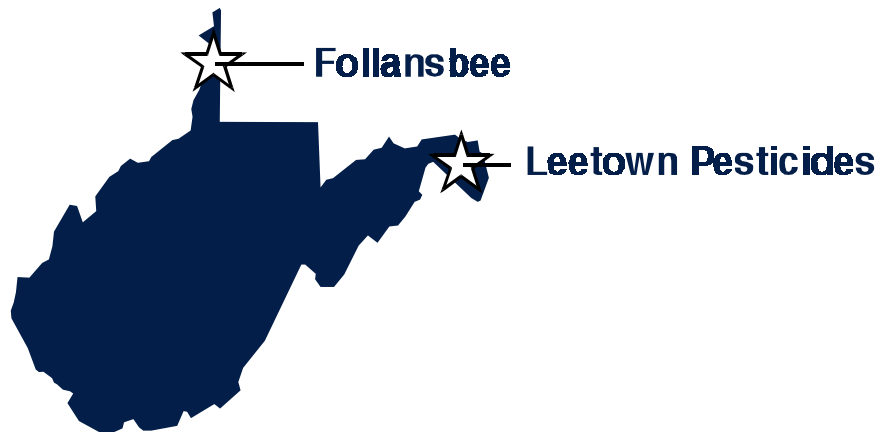


# *Returning Sites To Productive Use*

## West Virginia Superfund Success Stories

- Follansbee
- Leetown Pesticides



## *Follansbee*

The Follansbee Superfund site is a 26-acre active coal and tar processing plant in Follansbee, West Virginia. EPA discovered that soil and groundwater were contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds such as benzene and toluene, heavy metals, and dense non-aqueous phase liquids. This contamination was due to leaking tanks, spills, surface impoundments, and poor operating practices. In 1983, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. After developing a cleanup plan with EPA, the owner of the plant pumped and treated groundwater, constructed a trench to prevent contamination from reaching the Ohio River, and paved portions of the site in order to prevent possible future spills from causing further contamination. During the cleanup, the plant continued to operate. The partnership between EPA and the owner was key to planning a cleanup that allowed the plant to remain open, retaining jobs and contributing to the local economy.

## *Leetown Pesticides*

The Leetown Pesticides Superfund site in Jefferson County, West Virginia, is in an area known for its dairy cattle pastures and forage crop farms. The site was used to mix and store pesticides, including DDT and Lindane, used at the Jefferson and Crimm orchards. In 1983, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. The cleanup was completed, and in 1996, EPA removed the site from the list. Today, a portion of the property continues to support dairy farming, and an on-site building is occupied by the United States Geological Survey.

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